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SUBJ: 32ND UNGA: WEO MEETING AUGUST 30: UNGA GENERAL
COMMITTEE SLATES

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SUMMARY: AT WEOG MEETING ON AUGUST 30, FRG CHAIRMAN (VON WECHMAR) REPORTED ON AUGUST 23 MEETING OF CHAIRMEN OF FIVE REGIONAL GROUPS WITH USYG BUFFUM IN PREPARATION FOR 32ND UNGA. HE REVIEWED LATEST DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING CANDIDATURES FOR THE BUREAU OF THE GA AND OTHER ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE DURING THE 32ND SESSION. AN AIDE MEMOIRE OF SECRETARIAT CONTAINING PROPOSALS AIMED AT EXPEDITING WORK OF FIFTH COMMITTEE WAS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY. END SUMMARY

1. CHAIRMAN (FRG) CONFIRMED THAT RESUMED 31ST UNGA WOULD BEGIN WITH OPENING STATEMENTS AT 3:00 PM, SEPTEMBER 13. DEBATE ON ITEM 66 (IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SEVENTH UNGA SPECIAL SESSION) WOULD CONTINUE IN CONTEXT OF SECOND COMMITTEE FOLLOWING DAYS. RESUMED SESSION SCHEDULED TO END AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 16.

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2. CHAIRMAN REPORTED USYG BUFFUM HAD CALLED TO ATTENTION OF REGIONAL CHAIRMEN THAT ARTICLE 4 OF STATUTE ON SPECIAL FUND FOR THE LAND-LOCKED CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF 36 MEMBER BOARD OF GOVERNORS. BUFFUM ASKED REGIONAL GROUPS TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES, BUT SAID HE ASSUMED ELECTION COULD NOT BE COMPLETED DURING RESUMED 31ST GA AND WOULD

HAVE TO BE DEFERRED UNTIL 32ND GA.

3. CHAIRMAN SAID BUFFUM NOTED THAT FIFTH COMMITTEE DELAYS HAD FREQUENTLY CREATED PROBLEMS FOR GA IN PREVIOUS YEARS. WITH THIS INTRODUCTION HE DISTRIBUTED TO REGIONAL CHAIRMEN SECRETARIAT AIDE MEMOIRE (PREVIOUSLY POUCHED IO/IBC/BA) ON METHODS PROPOSED FOR EXPEDITING FIFTH COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS.

4. CHAIRMAN, SPEAKING TO WEOS AS FRG REPRESENTATIVE, EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER LIMITATIONS ON RULE 153 CONTAINED IN SECTION G SECRETARAIT AIDE MEMOIRE. HE OBSERVED THAT SUB-PARAGRAPHS A AND E THIS SECTION COULD DEPRIVE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF OPPORTUNITY REVIEW FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF MEASURES NOT REQUIRING APPROPRIATION AT CURRENT GA SESSION. RESUMING ROLE AS CHAIRMAN, FRG RECOMMENDED PAPER BE REFERRED TO MEMBERS FIFTH COMMITTEE EPXERTS FOR STUDY AND REQUESTED CANADA CONVENE THEM AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. CANADA ACCEPTED AND NOTED THAT MANY SUGGESTIONS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SUBMITTED FOR EXPEDITING FIFTH COMMITTEE WORK. CANADIAN MEMBER RECOMMENDED STUDY GROUP REVIEW THESE ALONG WITH SECRETARIAT MEMBER AIDE MEMOIRE AND ANY ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR EXPEDITING FIFTH COMMITTEE WORK THEY WISHED PROPOSE.

5. THE CHAIRMAN REVIEWED ADDITIONS AND CHANGES CONCERNING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CANDIDATURES FOR BUREAU OF THE GA. FOLLOWING CHANGES OR COMMENTS APPLY TO THE LIST OF SLATES SUBMITTED IN REFTTEL:

VICE PRESIDENTS:

AFRICA (4SEATS (ALL ENDORSED): MADAGASCAR, GABON LESOTHO, SIERRA LEONE.

ASIA (3 SEATS): FIVE COUNTRIES ARE STILL CANDIDATES: DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, JORDAN, INDONESIA, CYPRUS AND FIJI.

COMMITTEES:

FIRST: CHAIRM,: GHANA (ENDORSED) AS NONE

HAS OBJECTED, GHANA WILL BE ELECTED CHAIRMAN.

VICE CHAIRMAN: NO CANDIDATE

RAPPORETUR: HUNGARY MAY PRESENT ITS CANDIDACY.

SPC: CHAIRMAN: GDR (ENDORSED) AS THERE ARE NO OTHER CANDIDATES, GDR IS THE AGREED CANDIDATE.

VICE CHAIRMAN: NO CANDIDATE

RAPPORTEUR: NO CANDIDATE

SECOND: CHAIRMAN: AUSTRIA (ENDORSED)

UGANDA - HAS SUBMITTED ITS CANDIDACY BUT HAS NOT BEEN ENDORSED BY THE AFRICAN GROUP. THIS YEAR THE AFRICAN GROUP IS IN LINE TO HAVE ONLY ONE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP

WHILE ASIAN GROUP HAS TWO. AS GHANA IS THE AGREED
CANDIDATE FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE, UGANDA
IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PRESS ITS CANDIDACY FOR CHAIRMAN
OF SECOND COMMITTEE.

VICE CHAIRMAN: ARGENTINA

RAPPORTEUR: LIBYA, KENYA, POSSIBLY HUNGARY

THIRD: CHAIRMAN: PHILIPPINES WITHDREW IN FAVOR OR

JAMAICA (ENDORSED)

VICE CHAIRMAN: MONGOLIA

RAPPORTEUR: OMAN

FOURTH: CHAIRMAN: SYRIA

VICE CHAIRMAN: ZAIRE, OMAN

RAPPORTEUR: NO CANDIDATE

FIFTH: CHAIRMAN: IRAN (ENDORSED)

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VICE CHAIRMAN: FRG (ENDORSED)

RAPPORTEUR: NO CANDIDATE

SIXTH: CHAIRMAN: COLOMBIA (ENDORSED)

VICE CHAIRMAN: LESOTHO

RAPPORTEUR: JORDAN

6. THE FOLLOWING CANDIDATURES WERE ALSO RAISED DURING THE
MEETING: ECOSOC: THE UK (FIFOTH) STATED THAT THE UK
WISHES TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION. THE GROUP
ENDORSED THE UK, MALTA, SWEDEN AND FINLAND FOR THE 4 WEO
SEATS. WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC): DENMARK STATED THAT IT
WAS "THE NORDIC COUNTRY" PREVIOUSLY INTERESTED IN A SEAT.
ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS AND DENMARK WERE THEN ENDORSED
FOR THE 3 WEO SEATS. UNEP: FOR 5 WEO SEATS, SIX
COUNTRIES HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST: FRG, NETHERLANDS,
U.S. (RE-ELECTION), ITALY (RE-ELECTION), AUSTRIA AND ONE
NORDIC COUNTRY (NOT YET DETERMINED).
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